

## March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 LaFayette Town Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting held by the LaFayette Town Board on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at LaFayette Town Hall and live on Facebook.

Present: William McConnell, Supervisor  
Steve Zajac, Councilor  
Melanie Palmer, Councilor  
Carole Dwyer, Councilor  
Jerry Marzo, Councilor

Recording Secretary: Jackie Bush Roorda, Town Clerk

Attorney: Jeff Brown

Budget Officer: Tom Chartrand

Others Present: Steve Robson, Highway Superintendent  
Ralph Lamson, Bldg. & Code Enforcement  
Dave Knapp, Onondaga County Legislature Chair  
Dave Prince, Library, LCC, Parks, Rick Stout, Historian  
Mark Chambers, Town Engineer, Kelly Wypych Resident,  
Scott & Grant Gates, Herb & Rosemary Brodt, Residents  
and other residents via Facebook live

1. Supervisor McConnell called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and welcomed Scott Gates, President of the Optimist Club and his son Grant who is attending to fulfill a school project.
2. The Town Clerk, Jackie Roorda took the Roll. All present.
3. The pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor McConnell.
4. Town Board Minutes of February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Town Board Meeting and the March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 Special Town Board Meeting.

**R-51-2021 Councilor Palmer moved and Marzo seconded the motion to accept the February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Town Board Meeting minutes, as submitted by Town Clerk Jackie Roorda. Motion carried 5-0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Carole Dwyer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jerry Marzo</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**R-52-2021 Councilor Dwyer moved and Palmer seconded the motion to accept the March 1st, 2021 Special Town Board Meeting minutes as submitted by Town Clerk Jackie Roorda. Motion carried 5-0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Melanie Palmer  
Carole Dwyer  
Jerry Marzo

Councilor  
Councilor  
Councilor

Voted  
Voted  
Voted

Yes  
Yes  
Yes

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Update on Cardiff Water District – Supervisor McConnell advised they are working on an action list. Attorney Jeff Brown reported that there are drafts of agreements between the Town of LaFayette and OCWA and the Town and Honeywell circulating. The plan is to have the paperwork completed by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

B. LFD LOSAP Resolution – Supervisor McConnell advised the State is awarding additional points to the Fire Dept. for points they would have achieved through activities that were not done last year due to COVID restrictions with regard to LOSAP. He will reach out to the Fire Dept. for the names that need to be added. Following is the resolution drafted by Attorney Jeff Brown.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF ADDITIONAL LOSAP POINTS TO LAFAYETTE FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town is a co-sponsor of a Length of Service Award Program (“LOSAP”) on behalf of the LaFayette Fire Department (the “Fire Department”) in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law (“GML”); and

**WHEREAS**, during the COVID-19 pandemic and in response to the Governor’s Executive Order 202 of 2020, the Fire Department modified its emergency response protocols and cancelled many events; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of these modifications and cancellations, active volunteer firefighters had fewer opportunities to earn points during the calendar year 2020, making it more difficult to earn the required 50 points to earn LOSAP benefits for calendar year 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the GML has been amended to add §217(p), which allows a sponsor of a LOSAP to award up to five (5) points per month during the affected period, with a pro-rated amount awarded for a partial month; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Department has provided a memorandum (the “Memorandum”) detailing events cancelled during the affected period which resulted in firefighters missing an opportunity to earn at least twenty (20) points; and

**WHEREAS**, the Memorandum further requested five (5) points per complete month for the affected period to supplement the cancelled activities; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board recognizes the selfless contributions made by the membership of the Fire Department during the COVID-19 pandemic, and believes it appropriate and necessary to award the requested points for the Quarantine Period.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board approves the granting of five (5) points for each complete month of the affected period, pro-rated for the partial months; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that for the affected period, each active volunteer firefighter for the Fire Department be awarded a total of twelve and one-half (12.5) points; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Supervisor, Town Attorney and the Town Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to take such other action as may be necessary to effectuate the foregoing.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was recorded as follows:

**R-53-21 Councilor Palmer moved and Dwyer seconded the motion to approve the LOSAP 2020 resolution as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Carole Dwyer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jerry Marzo</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

C. 2021 Community Development Grant – Supervisor McConnell advised this is in the works; Mark Chambers is working on the grant paperwork and Councilors Palmer & Marzo, Dave Knapp and the Optimist Club are assisting Supervisor McConnell with this process. Attorney Brown advised that we will need to hold a public hearing on this matter prior to submitting the grant application in order to get the opinions of the residents regarding the focus and the 5-year Plan, as the deadline to apply for this is April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**R-54-21 Supervisor McConnell moved and Marzo seconded the motion to set the Public Hearing for March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall with regard to the application for the 2021 Community Development Grant. Motion carried 5-0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Carole Dwyer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jerry Marzo</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

D. Town Planning Grant - Supervisor McConnell advised that Supervisor Fitzpatrick originally applied for this in 2019 and was awarded \$35K grant to do a Hamlet study focused on the character of the Hamlet (i.e., biking trails, parking, sidewalks, possibility of public water off the Cardiff Water system for the

businesses and residents within the Hamlet). Right now, we have a small group putting that together working with B & L on a robust plan. Unfolding now, trying to do it within a year with the Town contributing in \$7,000 instead of the original amount of \$30,000.

E. Stafford Park Dog Park – Chairman Knapp advised that this is finally all coming together for the Dog Park and there are just a couple of last-minute things to work out. He is happy to report that this will be covered by grant money with no cost to taxpayers. Knapp reported that the hope is for this to be up and running by the end of summer.

**R-55-21      Councilor Palmer moved and Councilor Marzo seconded the Motion authorizing the Supervisor to sign the agreement between Onondaga County and the Town of LaFayette for the purpose of creating a dog park, adjacent to Stafford Park. Motion Carried 5 – 0**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Carole Dwyer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jerry Marzo</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

F. LaFayette Advisory Conservation Commission: Nomination of Chairman. Supervisor McConnell advised that Mark Distler reached out to him following the resignation of the previous Chair offering to head up the Commission as Chairman. He will follow the requirements in Chapter 15 of the Town Law and also work with the Town Board on the Town Planning Grant. Besides the Chair person, the Commission would include the Supervisor, a Town Board Member and another individual.

**R-56-21      Supervisor McConnell moved and Councilor Dwyer seconded the Motion to appoint Mark Distler as the Chair of the LaFayette Advisory Conservation Commission.      Motion Carried 5 – 0**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Carole Dwyer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jerry Marzo</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

G. Town Clerk/Town Court copy machines lease

Town Clerk Roorda advised that we received two quotes and after talking with the Court Clerks, her deputy, and Budget Officer Tom Chartrand they have opted to go with the Toshiba through Onondaga County contract. There was only a \$2 difference in cost with offering a 24-mo agreement for the individual printers within

the office. Supervisor McConnell added that with the County contract – they’ve done all the research and avoids the need to reach out for 2 additional quotes.

**R-57-21 Councilor Palmer moved and Councilor Marzo seconded the Motion authorizing the Supervisor to sign the 48-month lease with Toshiba Business Solutions for two copiers, one for the Town Clerks’ Office and one for the Justice Court under County Contract # 06018 at a cost of \$338.45 per month along with the 24 month Print Smart Agreement for desktop printers. Motion Carried 5 – 0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Carole Dwyer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jerry Marzo</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

H. Hamlet Flower Boxes conversations have taken place between Supervisor McConnell, Councilor Zajac, Superintendent Robson and Dave Prince and it has been determined that the Town is responsible for delivery, storage and pick up of the flower boxes each year. Some are not being taken care of by the businesses who are sponsoring them for advertisement. After discussion it was agreed the boxes be turned over to the individuals who advertise on them as a couple have been doing in the past. This will relieve the Town of the upkeep, storage, etc. and place the responsibility on the businesses who choose to advertise on them. Dave Prince will send a letter reaching out to Flower Box owners to advise of the new policy. Tom Chartrand suggested that we do a motion to scrap the Flower Boxes for town inventory purposes. Any leftover boxes may be used around common areas or offered to other interested parties.

**R-58-21 Councilor Palmer moved and Councilor Marzo seconded the Motion to declare the Flower Boxes as scrap and of no value to the Town and release the boxes to the sponsors if they desire to maintain them. Motion Carried 5 – 0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Carole Dwyer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jerry Marzo</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

I. Introduction of Rick Stout – Supervisor McConnell introduced Rick Stout as the new historian who was appointed in December 2020. Rick reported that he has spoken with the LaFayette School librarian and is excited that there will be 5 little Library boxes around Town which they are looking at the Boy Scouts to build the boxes and Rick will supply the historical information. The boxes will have WIFI enabling those with Smart phones to read about the history with regard to the location of the boxes, ie: Cardiff Giant,

J. Carole Watson Greenhouse estimate Town Hall and Community Center

- A. Carol Watson Annual Spring Clean-up & Maintenance estimate at Town Hall & Community Center. Councilor Dwyer inquired if Carol Watson would want to undertake the planting and maintaining the flowers in the Flower Boxes. Supervisor McConnell said he will look into that. Tom Chartrand advised that if that happens, we will not be able to have the name plates on the boxes as the Town cannot advertise businesses.

**R-59-21 Councilor Palmer and Councilor Marzo seconded the Motion to accept the 2021 annual quote for Spring Clean-up and Maintenance at the Town Hall and Community Center, in the amount of \$1,515.00. Motion Carried 5-0**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Carole Dwyer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jerry Marzo</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

K. SOTS Annual Financial Report/authorization for Town Clerk to post notice

Budget Officer, Tom Chartrand informed the Board that we have filed the annual update with New York State for the Town of LaFayette and SOTS and need a motion authorizing the Town Clerk to put a notice in the newspaper that the update is available for review at the Town Hall during regular Town Clerk hours.

**R-60-21 Councilor Dwyer moved and Palmer seconded the motion stating that the annual financial report/update document for the Town of LaFayette and SOTS (Southern Onondaga Trash System) have been filed with New York State, and are available for residents to review during regular Town Clerk's business hours. Motion carried 5 - 0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Carole Dwyer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jerry Marzo</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

- L. Omni Navatis – Attorney Brown advised that the Planning Board approved this community solar project back on July 23, 2020 and the Town Board approved OCIDA (Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency) negotiating the 25-year Pilot. Omni Navatis has completed the PILOT agreement and through this the Town will be getting \$128k, approximately \$5,000 per year in tax revenue that we otherwise would not have gotten because NYS has deemed Solar Projects as tax exempt unless there is a PILOT in place. The agreement was completed by OCIDA, and the company has done everything asked of them in order to get their building permit. Brown also reported that there is a performance bond in place per chance the company walks away from the project, which is unlikely.

**R-61-21 Councilor Marzo and Councilor Zajac seconded the Motion to accept the Omni Navitas Sentinel Heights PILOT agreement as it has been presented to the Town. Motion Carried 5-0**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Carole Dwyer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jerry Marzo</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

M. Community Solar Farms - Potential to limit siting. - County Legislature Chair Dave Knapp informed the Board that he and Supervisor McConnell met with Onondaga County Economic Development Dept today and in short learned that these solar projects are rarely profitable for the company doing them without some type of tax incentive program. The State has put together a “standard” package that the Town can either stay in or opt out of. If they stay in, the solar companies can come in and just take that package and the Town would have no role in negotiating a better deal. If the Town opts out, the company would have to come before the Town and School boards to work out a deal. This is a discussion that should take place with Attorney Brown as to what the Town should do as far as opting out, that being said the school has already opted out. Supervisor McConnell offered to talk with the Planning Board, Zoning Board, School Board and Town Board working together as a group with regard to educate on process and rules for rezoning commercial solar panel farms to be located in industrial areas only. The State controls the siting of really huge solar projects. Supervisor McConnell advised the Onondaga County IDA will be coming on March 23, 2021 at 5:30pm to host a working group to include the Planning, Zoning, School and Town Boards.

N. Upon Jerry Marzo leaving the Planning Board and being appointed to the Town Board it left an open position on the Planning Board. A discussion took place deciding to appoint Planning Board Alternate, Heath Kotula as a regular Planning Board member.

**R-62-21 Councilor Marzo and Councilor Palmer seconded the Motion to appoint Heath Kotula as a full-time member of the Planning Board. Motion Carried 5-0**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Carole Dwyer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jerry Marzo</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

A. Departmental

1. Town Supervisor Report

a. Budget Officer Tom Chartrand submitted the February, 2021 Monthly Financial Report, and advising that the Town is on target with the budget due to the following; Court fines are up to almost \$16,000, cell tower rents were collected, all taxes have been paid in full, refund from Workers Comp, second Charter Communication franchise fee for use of a right of way was collected and half of the snow plowing money has been received. Chartrand also advised that motions regarding the audit of the Supervisor's 2019 records which were delayed due to COVID and he will bring the 2020 records to be completed at the next meeting. Also, transfers of appropriations for the highway to purchase the new mower are necessary and will also need a motion.

**R-63-21 Councilor Palmer moved and Councilor Zajac seconded the motion to approve the 2019 annual audit of the Supervisor's record books which have been duly examined by this Town Board, as required by law. Motion carried 5 -0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Carole Dwyer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jerry Marzo</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**R-64-21 Councilor Palmer moved and Councilor Marzo seconded the motion to approve the transfer of appropriations as listed below. Motion carried 5 – 0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Carole Dwyer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jerry Marzo</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**HIGHWAY FUND**

<b>To:</b>			
DA5130.2	Machinery	Equipment	\$90,000.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$90,000.00</u></b>
<b>From:</b>			
DA9950.9	Interfund Transfers	Reserve	<b><u>\$90,000.00</u></b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$90,000.00</u></b>

2. Attorney – Jeff Brown advised that a public hearing needs to be set with regard to the LaFayette Advisory Conservation Commission changes to the current chapter of the Town Code. The number of members can be anywhere between 3 to 7, with that number set at the Organizational Meeting. Attorney Brown has a draft of the law.



**R-65-21 Councilor Marzo moved and Councilor Palmer seconded the Motion setting a Public Hearing to adopt Local Law No. 1 of 2021 amending Chapter 15 of the Town Code to be held on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30p.m. Motion carried 5 – 0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Carole Dwyer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jerry Marzo</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

Attorney Brown also advised that he is drafting a new Local Law to create the police constable position with limited intent to serve as Court security and any other public needs, including the job specifications. A public hearing needs to be set for this as well. Tom Chartrand will reach out to the Town of Pompey with regard to their former constable position.

**R-66-21 Councilor Marzo moved and Councilor Palmer seconded the Motion setting a Public Hearing to be held on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30p.m. for the Local Law No. 2 of 2021 creating the new police constable position. Motion carried 5 – 0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Carole Dwyer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jerry Marzo</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

3. Highway Superintendent – Steve Robson report

**Roads:** Snow and Ice Operations were preformed 26 times since the last Town Board Meeting. All trucks are operational now after some extensive repairs (Truck #2 – 2013 Dodge 4500 and Truck # 5 2016 Western Star)  
The 284 agreement will be submitted as soon as the New York State (Chips) Budget is released.

**Grants:** Working with Mark Chambers (C & S Engineering) to submit two Bridge & Culvert Grants for Clark Hollow Road bridge and McClary Road culvert. I have reached out to County Legislator Chairman Dave Knapp to acquire letters from himself, John Katko and will also receive a letter from Dan Comins of the LaFayette Fire Department.

**Equipment:** Would like to purpose transfer funds to the equipment budget for the purchase of a 2021 New Holland Tractor with an 88” Flail Mower. This will replace our 2006 New Holland TS115A road side mower that needs \$29,451.66 in repairs. Tracey Road Equipment will also provide us with a week usage of a roadside mower free of charge excluding transportation. Also working with Deputy Don Skinner, Stadium International and MDI Truck on the replacement of Truck # 2 (2013 Dodge 4500).

**Highway Committee:** Will be working with Steve Zajac and highway committee to update the rotation plan for our equipment.

4. Town Clerk

a. Jackie Roorda advised that February 2021 Town Clerk report was in the Board's meeting packet for their review.

b. Roorda also advised the board that the annual Shred Day, Medication Drop off Day and hopefully Rescue Mission Drop off day has been scheduled to coincide with our annual Town "Dump Days" on Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

5. Building and Zoning Code Enforcement - Ralph Lamson's February Report for all building permits was provided to the Board.

6. Justice Court

a. February 2021 Justices Reports.

Judge Perrin had 110 cases and turned over \$11,923.00 to the Town of LaFayette for February, 2021.

Judge Shute had 111 cases and turned over \$8,468.00 to the Town of LaFayette for February, 2021

b. Audit of Justices 2020 records.

**R-67-21 Councilor Palmer moved and Councilor Zajac seconded the motion to forward to Internal Audit Services (IA) the 2020 Audit Report as provided by David Lamson, CPA for LaFayette Town Justices Maureen Perrin and Justice Adrian Shute which have been duly examined by this Town Board, and state that the fines therein collected have been turned over to the proper officials of the Town as required by law. Motion carried 5 -0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Carole Dwyer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jerry Marzo</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

7. Library Director January and February 2021 Board of Trustee Minutes & Directors Reports were included in packet for review.

- Day to Day Operations Continue
  - o Physical library is open – patrons are granted access to use computers or browse for books by appointment only. Social distancing practices are in place for computers, etc. Curbside service will continue to be offered as an option.
  - o Returned materials are quarantined for 7 days before being recirculated

- Remodeling project Continues
  - o Grab rail installed in bathroom to bring into compliance with recommendations (ARISE)
  - o Video information screen installed above circulation desk
  - o Accordion door in the foyer installed
  
- 8. LCC –
  - LCC chaperoned Ski program ended February 12
  - Youth winter sports – wrestling, basketball, and volleyball, are on hold indefinitely, with plans to conduct these programs outside during the summer.
  - Adult programs remain on hold due to concern for the population participating in these programs or status as a high-risk sport.
  - Baseball and lacrosse registrations being conducted throughout March; D. Prince to serve as Commissioner of Apple Valley League (baseball)
  
- 9. Parks
  - Clearing sidewalks and applying salt at Town Offices, Library and Community Center as necessary, and continue to clear entire walking path at Stafford Park.

**Miscellaneous**

- AED's – returned to manufacturer, rebate check received and forwarded to Jackie Roorda for deposit.
- COVID Testing – conducted at Community Center – continue to monitor LCC's answering machine at Community Center for inquiries regarding testing and following up with callers

**8. NEW BUSINESS –**

Supervisor McConnell reported that he has been working with Scott Gates, Optimist President, Jerry Marzo, Dave Knapp and others with regarding the Puttkumer Property purchased by the Town. The house is to be demolished and a community center will be constructed at that location. Due to COVID-19, this was put on hold and now the goal is to move forward with this project as soon as possible. It was unanimous that the new community center will be named after a founding father of the Optimist Club, outstanding resident, a very dedicated and hard-working individual who has devoted numerous hours to numerous Town projects, Ron Bush.

**R-68-2021 Supervisor McConnell moved and Marzo seconded the motion to name the new community center, the Ron Bush Community/Sr. Center in honor of Mr. Bush. Motion carried 5 - 0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Carole Dwyer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jerry Marzo</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**9. OPEN COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

County Legislature Chair Dave Knapp informed the Board and public that there is potential good news from Washington with regard to the Stimulus package. The County is slated to get \$90 million and per the Town Schedule, the Town of LaFayette appears to be eligible to get \$500k. Originally, municipalities were going to have to show losses to get/use that money but it is now looking like they are going to make it available for infrastructure type projects (i.e., public water, roads, etc.)

10. Motion to audit and pay bills. - Bookkeeper to the Supervisor, Tom Chartrand told the Town Board members that he will be dropping off the vouchers at the Town Hall for their signature.

General Fund	17265-17297	\$ 41,764.44
Highway Fund	17298-17315	\$ 44,943.67
Special District	17317-17319	\$ 9,645.62

**R-69-2021 Councilor Palmer moved and Palmer seconded the motion to audit and pay the above listed bills. Motion carried 5 - 0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Carole Dwyer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jerry Marzo</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

11. Motion to Adjourn

**R-70-2021 Supervisor McConnell moved Palmer and seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried 5 - 0.**

<b>William McConnell</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Steve Zajac</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Melanie Palmer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Carole Dwyer</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jerry Marzo</b>	<b>Councilor</b>	<b>Voted</b>	<b>Yes</b>

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Jacqueline G. Roorda  
Town Clerk